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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Mr. Johnny W. Reising
United States Department of Energy
Fernald Closure Project
175 Tri-County Parkway
Springdale, Ohio 45246

SR-6J

RE: Hand-Held Sodium Iodide
Detectors

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) August 30, 2004, letter requesting the use of hand-held sodium iodide detectors to delineate above-waste acceptance criteria soil contamination in highly contaminated areas.

The rationale presented in this letter appears technically adequate. Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the use of the hand-held sodium iodide detectors for this purpose.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Saric", written over a horizontal line.

James A. Saric
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cc: Tom Schneider, OEPA-SWDO
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